

THE WORLD OF SOCIETY.

Old Time Games and a Pleasant Entertainment at a West Side House Warming.

How Salt Lake People Made a Financial Success of a Church Entertainment.

Parting Dinner at the Broadwater—The Literary Club's Plans—The Military Ball—Personal Mention.

My attention has been called by an eye witness to a somewhat novel entertainment gotten up for a charitable purpose in Salt Lake City and which proved remarkably successful. The entertainment was given at the opera house on Friday, Oct. 19, for the benefit of St. Paul's Episcopal church of Salt Lake, and as church entertainments are often improvised in Helena, perhaps it may prove instructive to give a brief account of the affair. It was entitled "The Merchants' Carnival," and gave an excellent opportunity for the display of striking and fanciful costumes, the idea being that every lady or, in some instances three or four ladies together, should by their costumes illustrate some different trade or business. For instance, three ladies were selected to represent "Millinery," (which, by the way, ladies usually do) and one of them had her dress elaborately trimmed with feathers, while another wore nothing but lace as drapery. A drug store was represented by a young lady wearing a deep green gown and having her dress trimmed with miniature bottles filled with perfume which were bestowed at intervals upon her favorite partners. A lady, who represented the press, wore a white satin dress with newspapers printed all round the skirt. Another, who figured as "finance," had her entire dress decorated with coins, and, it is said, had more parts than anyone in the room, for in her case there was a possibility at least of running away the bank. A very pretty girl was dressed as a messenger boy in the form of a carrier pigeon with winged arms and feathered head dressed ornamented by a carrier pigeon. The entertainment opened with a grand march and a species of drill in which the ladies displayed a creditable knowledge of tactics, followed by a set of lancers and then a ball in which the audience joined. Salt Lake boats of some very pretty girls and among them Miss McCormick, who represented "The Bank," Miss Anderson and Miss Wallace who portrayed "Millinery," and Miss Conklin as the "Carrier Pigeon" appeared to very great advantage. It seems to me that Helena could do something of this kind, and by charging \$3 a ticket as they did in Salt Lake, make a great deal of money, and at the same time give the public their money's worth.

All Hallow's even was not so generally observed in Helena social circles as it might have been, and it seems a pity to see old customs which have the stamp of age commend themselves gradually passing into oblivion. Mr. F. S. Witherbee, however, selected that night, with its old and time-worn traditions, for christening his new home on Hauser avenue. Miss Fannie M. Witherbee issued the invitations, which included Mr. and Mrs. Hauser, Mr. and Mrs. Watt Pierce, the Messrs. Stout, Logan, Fortune, Briscoe, Phillips, Fiske, Curtis and Pierce, and Messrs. Barnes, Stout, Wheeler, Holbrook, Clark, Fisk and Prosser. Messrs. F. S. and Sidney Witherbee, Mrs. Witherbee and the Messrs. Fannie and Nellie Witherbee were assisted in receiving their guests by Miss Grace Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y. The drawing-room, library and parlors were tastefully decorated with flowers. The costumes worn by the ladies were those of the sixteenth century, and were in many instances not only very pretty but excessively becoming. All the old games were engaged in, "Blind Man's Buff," "Roll the Trencher," "Bobbing the Apples," "Button" and a good many others were resorted to, but probably the most exciting game was the "Kiss of Fate," which consists of locking the men in one room and the ladies in another, everyone being furnished with a ribbon bearing a number, and then at a given signal the lady and gentleman having the corresponding numbers were let blindfolded onto the dark piazza, where they met, the gentleman being entitled to a kiss which, however, he was not always successful in obtaining. A capital supper and, of course, some dancing wound up a very pleasant entertainment.

The same evening Mr. Horace B. Kane entertained a party of his intimate friends with a farewell dinner at the Hotel Broadwater. A private room was engaged with a piano and the menu was an excellent one. Dinner was served at 7:30, but it was nearly midnight before the coffee and cigars were in order. The gentlemen present were Mr. H. B. Kane, Mr. H. Nicholson, Mr. Berners Kelley, Mr. Will Avey, Mr. George Martin, Mr. Robert S. Hill, Mr. McElroe and Mr. C. E. Haines. Some capital songs were sung and as a matter of course some good stories enlivened the table. Mr. Berners Kelley proving himself a master of the art, after which, and in the wee small hours, the big plunge was invaded.

On Wednesday next the first regular monthly meeting of the Literary society will be held. Dr. Leiser officiating as host, and a thoroughly original programme may be expected. Several new members have been enrolled, among them Mr. Berners Kelley and Mr. Shaw. The original object of the society is that everyone must in turn read or write something entirely original, and the result is that many good things are enjoyed, which never find their way into print. Music and singing is also resorted to, so far no member has attempted to produce an original musical number.

Several very pleasant lunch parties have been given during the past week in a very informal way, and Mr. R. Floyd Jones has given one on Thursday next.

The ball given by Company C, M. N. G. at Enore hall Friday night was largely attended and proved a great success. Professor Younger furnished the music, to which those gallant sons of mars and their fair partners tripped the light fantastic toe. The supper was excellent and all present agreed that the dance was one of the most enjoyable military balls given in Helena.

Personal and General.

Mr. H. B. Kane left Helena for England last week.

Mr. R. M. Holter returned from Washington last week.

Mr. E. D. Edgerton returned from the east last night.

Major Eaton, the newly appointed surveyor general, has taken rooms in the Gates building.

Mrs. Roberts, Miss Roberts and a younger sister have taken Mr. Anderson's house on Broadway.

Mrs. Miller, formerly Miss Chumasco, arrived in the city on Friday from Deadwood City.

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Buck will move into their new home on the west side on Wednesday next.

Mr. Harry Child has gone to Chicago to bring his wife home. She has been under medical treatment in that city.

Mrs. R. S. Hill expects a visit shortly from her mother, Mrs. Frederick W. Foote, and her sister, Miss Isabelle Foote, of New York City.

Mrs. E. F. Crosby leaves Helena for Europe to-morrow. She will be accompanied by Miss Margaret Crosby, and has rented her house for the winter.

Mr. M. A. Meyendorff arrived from Salt Lake on Thursday last. He says the wed-

ding of Mr. J. Wells and Miss Sadder was a very beautiful and impressive ceremony. Dr. Leiser was called into consultation with regard to Mr. Marcus Daly at the Hotel Montana, Anaconda, last week. Mr. Daly has been suffering from typhoid fever and Dr. Leiser's services being required, a special train was put at his disposal, going and returning, while every luxury which the now famed hostelry could afford was placed at his disposal. "For this are we doctors."

BREKING.

DARING GIRL SWIMMERS.

They Learned to Swim in the Waters of the Cornish Coast and Are Experts.

Our London contemporary, the Daily Telegraph, says the Cornishman, was engaged on Friday in enforcing the lesson that all young people, whether boys or girls, should be taught to swim. Just about the time those lines were penned that corner of Mount's Bay which lies between St. Michael's Mount and Marazion would have gladdened the mind of the penman who who wants English girls to swim.

A group, from which merry voices of gladsome healthy maidens burst on the air, descended from the castle. That group comprised Lord and Lady St. Levan, several members of their family, and some visitors. Many of these, when they had reached the little pier, threw off light wraps and stood in the sunshine and the breeze in the bathing costumes they don so often in the rock-hewn privacy at the southwest front of the Mount, whose outlets look out to the chops of the channel. Lord St. Levan got into a boat as umpire and guardian. Peers of the realm have seen unusual sights at times, and as usual home. Take for instance the scenes Lord Dufferin must have witnessed. But surely few members of the upper house witness in their holiday time the little event which followed. One after the other plunged in the sea. Lord St. Levan's five daughters—the Hon. Elizabeth, Misses Audrey, Nellie, Evelyn, and Mabel St. Aubyn, Captain Michael St. Aubyn, their brother, fast retaining good health after fever in Burma, Lady Agnes Townshend (Lady St. Levan's niece), Colonel and Mrs. Knollys and Mr. Maiver, Splashing and dashing in sport, now at real swimming work again, amid chatter and laugh and occasional splutter and puff, for there was a ripple on the water, they swam the 800 or 100 yards from island to main—over the course the Mount's dread giant, Cornishman waded and swam when he visited the purlieus of Marazion and carried back to his granite fastness the oxen and sheep of his smaller and homelier neighbors. The swimmers took to the water, and to the ropes and boats and pulled to the Mount, rejoined Lady St. Levan and scampered over the level green sward and climbed the steep ascent to castle home and a well earned lunch.

The young folks at the Mount are all frequent bathers and bold swimmers. They have given evidence of bravery as well as kindness, and we may feel assured that if ever the chance came of doing the work of Grace Darling or Mabel Bell, the St. Aubyns would be "there." From childhood familiar with the open sea, they have made it their constant and playful until they tread in the spirit breathed in Byron's beautiful lines.

Putting Up a Boy's Lunch.

A recent writer—and she writes as one whom any boy would love—tells how she saw a mother put up a lunch for her boy to take to school, and then she tells very prettily how daintily she would have put up that lunch, and I know she would just as she said, says Burdette. But she didn't go far enough. Now, if I were going to put up a lunch for a boy 13 years old, I wouldn't put it in a tin, and I wouldn't yet in a neat little covered basket; I would just take the market basket, if the family wasn't going to use it that day, and I would cut up a loaf of bread and trim off every bit of the crust to keep the boy from lying about it, and telling me that he ate it and didn't like it over the fence, when he came home. I would cut that loaf into butter until it began to fall off, then I would stack on the sugar as long as it would hold. Then I would load in a couple of links of sausage and some slabs of ham, a dainty cluster of hard-boiled eggs—say half a dozen—all the cake there was in the house, and fill up the rest of the space with pie, and then stuff two of his pockets full of apples to eat during school hours, and fill the rest of his pockets with nuts, and give him 5 cents to buy "taffy." Then if that boy came home at four o'clock and said he didn't have enough luncheon and couldn't have a piece, I would give him the keys to the cellar, cupboard, pantry, cake chest and fruit closet, and yielding to dark despair go out to the barn and hang myself. We were a boy myself, once.

The Full Name Correct.

The propriety and good taste of doing away with abbreviated names among women is fast growing into favor and the good old fashion of giving the full name is regarded as the correct and dignified thing. Mollie and Mattie and Tillie and Maggie are again Mary, Martha, Matilda and Margaret—stately names, all of them, and full of significance, whereas their diminutives are silly and meaningless, and women are gradually awakening to the fact that it is far more elegant to reserve the pet names, if they be used at all, for the household and to sign themselves always in addressing those outside this little circle with the full name they received at the baptismal font. In this respect our ancestors showed a proper amount of dignity, and it would be well now if the old form of addressing women as Mistress Ann Page, Mistress Catherine Smith, etc., were revived. The present custom of retaining the maiden name as a middle name after marriage and the use of the husband's Christian name by widows, are both sensible, as they identify the individual with a certain family.—New York World.

No Chance for Jim.

A gentleman who had lived for several years in the west had come east on a visit to his native town, says the Youth's Companion, when he was waited upon by an old negro woman who said: "I beg yo' pardon fo' taking the libty ob calling on you, but I heabs you libs out in de west."

"Yes, I do," replied the gentleman.

"Well, I jess wanted to ask if yo' reckon dar'd be any chance fo' my son Jim out dar."

"How old is he?"

"He's mos' 24, sah."

"And what does he want to do?"

"Dar's de trouble, sah; dar's de trouble," said the anxious mother, lowering her voice to a confidential whisper and looking around the room to see if they were alone.

"De fact ob de business is dat Jim don't want to do anything. He wants ter be a gentleman, Jim does. He's agin work, en he don't want to nuffin. How yo' reckon he'd make it out dar where you come from?"

The gentleman felt it his duty to inform the mother that the west, as well as the east, already contained too many men of Jim's class.

A Baby Born at Sea.

Boston Globe: When the custom house officers boarded the steamer Scandinavian yesterday they were taken to the ship's hospital and were shown a day-old baby, born while the steamer was still out of sight of land.

The story of the child's mother, Lillie Jamieson, is sad and on. She is a Scotch girl of good education and very handsome. Two years ago she said good-by to her lover in Aberdeen. He was going to the new world, where he hoped it would not be long before he could make a home for her.

This he had succeeded in doing a month ago, and he then sent her money that she might join him here. He was to meet her

at the wharf and they were to be married. But when he does find her to-day she will have to tell him how a scoundrel led her astray in Scotland. She had never told him of her condition, and was very much afraid that when he found it out he would refuse to marry her, though she had some hopes still that his affection for her would be deep enough for him to overlook even this fault.

The baby was named Archibald Park Smith Jamieson—Smith for his father, Archibald for the steamer's doctor and Park for the captain. She would be refused permission to land, even if she were not too ill, but if her lover still wishes to marry her the authorities will withdraw their objection.

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